

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. **(Original)** A method of generating a multiple composite image, the method comprising the steps of:

interlacing a plurality of background images to produce a composite background image;

interlacing a plurality of foreground images to produce a composite foreground image;

capturing a digital image;

interlacing the digital image with an interior image to produce a composite interior image;

deleting a portion of the composite background image to create a specialized background image, the portion of the composite background image deleted being dependant on the composite interior image;

deleting a portion of the composite interior image to create a specialized interior image, the portion of the composite interior image deleted being dependant on the composite foreground image; and

digitally combining the specialized background image, the specialized interior image, and the composite foreground image to create the multiple composite image.

2. **(Original)** A method as defined in claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving a theme selection, the theme selection identifying the composite background image, the composite foreground image, and the interior image.

3. **(Original)** A method as defined in claim 2, further comprising the step of displaying a graphical representation of each of a plurality of predetermined themes on a display device operatively connected to a computing device, wherein the theme selection is received by the computing device.

4. **(Original)** A method as defined in claim 2, further comprising the step of transmitting a graphical representation of each of a plurality of predetermined themes to a computing device via the Internet, wherein the theme selection is received by the computing device.

5. **(Original)** A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the step of capturing a digital image comprises the step of capturing a person's face with a digital camera.

6. **(Original)** A method as defined in claim 1, further comprising the steps of printing the multiple composite image on a color printer and affixing a lenticular surface to the printed multiple composite image to produce a lenticular novelty item

7. **(Original)** A method as defined in claim 6, further comprising the step of printing a lenticular registration mark on the printed multiple composite image, the lenticular registration mark facilitating rotational positioning and axial positioning of the lenticular surface on the printed multiple composite image.

8. **(Original)** A method as defined in claim 1, further comprising the steps of: displaying a graphical representation of the captured digital image on a computing device, the displayed graphical representation of the captured digital image having a screen position;

displaying a graphical representation of the interior image on the computing device simultaneously with the display of the graphical representation of the captured digital image; receiving alignment inputs at the computing device; and adjusting the screen position of the graphical representation of the captured digital image in response to the alignment inputs.

9. **(Original)** A method as defined in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
displaying a graphical representation of the captured digital image on a computing device, the displayed graphical representation of the captured digital image having a size;
displaying a graphical representation of the interior image on the computing device simultaneously with the display of the graphical representation of the captured digital image;
receiving alignment inputs at the computing device; and
adjusting the size of the graphical representation of the captured digital image in response to the alignment inputs.

10. **(Original)** A method as defined in claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying a plurality of two dimensional frames sequenced to produce a three dimensional illusion representing the multiple composite image.

11. **(Original)** A method as defined in claim 10, further comprising the step of receiving a user input, wherein the sequence of the plurality of two dimensional frames is determined in response to the user input.

12. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus for generating a multiple composite image, the apparatus comprising:

a memory device storing a software program, a composite background image, a composite foreground image, and an interior image;

a digital camera structured to capture a digital image; and

a controller operatively coupled to the memory device and the digital camera, the controller being structured to execute the software program, the software program being structured to cause the controller to:

retrieve the composite background image, the composite foreground image, and the interior image from the memory device;

receive the digital image from the digital camera;

interlace the digital image with the interior image to produce a composite interior image; **and**

delete a portion of the composite background image, the portion of the composite background image deleted being dependant on the composite interior image;

delete a portion of the composite interior image, the portion of the composite interior image deleted being dependant on the composite foreground image; and

combine at least a portion of the composite background image, at least a portion of the composite foreground image, and at least a portion of the composite interior image to create the multiple composite image.

13. **(Cancelled)**

14. **(Original)** An apparatus as defined in claim 12, wherein the software program is further structured to cause the controller to receive a theme selection, the theme selection identifying the composite background image, the composite foreground image, and the interior image.

15. **(Original)** An apparatus as defined in claim 14, wherein the software program is further structured to cause the controller to generate a display signal of a graphical representation of each of a plurality of predetermined themes on a display device operatively connected to the controller.

16. **(Original)** An apparatus as defined in claim 12, wherein the software program is further structured to cause the controller to generate a display signal of a graphical representation of each of a plurality of predetermined themes for transmission via the Internet.

17. **(Original)** An apparatus as defined in claim 12, wherein the software program is further structured to cause the controller to generate a print signal indicative of the multiple composite image.

18. **(Original)** An apparatus as defined in claim 12, wherein the software program is further structured to cause the controller to generate a print signal indicative of a lenticular registration mark which facilitates rotational positioning and axial positioning of a lenticular surface.

19. **(Currently Amended)** A computer readable medium storing a software program for generating a multiple composite image, the software program being structured to cause a computing device to:

retrieve a composite background image, a composite foreground image, and an interior image from a memory device;

receive a digital image from a digital camera;

interlace the digital image with the interior image to produce a composite interior image; and

delete a portion of the composite background image, the portion of the composite background image deleted being dependant on the composite interior image;

delete a portion of the composite interior image, the portion of the composite interior image deleted being dependant on the composite foreground image; and

combine at least a portion of the composite background image, at least a portion of the composite foreground image, and at least a portion of the composite interior image to create the multiple composite image.

20. **(Original)** A computer readable medium as defined in claim 19, wherein the software program is further structured to cause the computing device to receive a theme selection, the theme selection identifying the composite background image, the composite foreground image, and the interior image.

21. **(Original)** A computer readable medium as defined in claim 19, wherein the software program is further structured to cause the computing device to generate a print signal indicative of a lenticular registration mark which facilitates rotational positioning and axial positioning of a lenticular surface.